

Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP) Notice

INFORMAL SOLICITATION #1155607

for MINI-CONTRACT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY THANKSGIVING PARADE FLOATS

This solicitation is reserved for only **application submitted/certified** status local small businesses timely registered with the County's LSBRP. This solicitation thus comes under County Code, sections 11B-17A; 11B-65; 11B-70 and Executive Regulation 21-05AM. These documents can be accessed through the LSBRP web site at (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/LSBRP).

LSBRP criteria are based on a firm's location, ownership status, number of employees and annual revenue amount, submitting a bid/proposal constitutes willfully stating your firm is an **application submitted/certified** Local Small Business. Therefore, if you wish to submit a bid/proposal for this solicitation adhering to the LSBRP, you must:

1. Submit an application as a LSBRP firm prior to the bid's/proposals due date. If your LSBRP status is not **application submitted/certified** in our database prior to the bids/proposal's due date and time, then your bid will be deemed non-responsive and rejected or your proposal will be deemed unacceptable and removed from consideration. Go to the LSBRP web site (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/LSBRP) and follow the instructions under "Register."
2. After the informal solicitation closes and upon notification by the County, you must provide within three (3) business days the LSBRP documentation of:
 - all of its business location(s) (if more than one),
 - number of employees by location
 - annual gross revenue of the business for the past three fiscal years.(The preferred documents are copy of a lease, Maryland Unemployment Insurance Contribution Report (summary or quarterly), and Financial Statement/Tax Returns. At the discretion of the LSBRP, an alternative type of documents might be accepted.)

If, after receipt of these documents, the LSBRP finds that your firm does not meet the LSBRP requirements, then your bid will be deemed non-responsive and rejected or your proposal will be deemed unacceptable and removed from further consideration. For questions, contact the LSBRP (240-777-9913).

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SPECIAL NOTIFICATION FOR ISSUANCE UNDER LSBRP

Solicitation # 1155607 is being advertised under the Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP). Should it be determined there are no viable Local Small Businesses that respond to this solicitation, Montgomery County may exercise an option to extend the informal solicitation advertisement for a minimum of five (5) days as non-LSBRP.

Any advertisement extension will be in the form of a solicitation amendment with the reissuance of the informal solicitation.

If you have any questions, please contact Amelia Marian at CEC.Procurement@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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ISSUE DATE: May 10, 2023
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 10, 2023, by 5:00 PM

The Montgomery County Maryland Community Engagement Cluster, on behalf of the Silver Spring Urban District, is soliciting bids for parade floats. Proposals must be submitted no later than the time and date listed above.

The following pages contain the scope of work, terms, and conditions for this Informal Solicitation.

Your proposal must be submitted electronically by email to Amelia Marian, Contract Administrator, Community Engagement Cluster at CEC.Procurement@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Montgomery County, Maryland
Acknowledgment Page

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The offeror must include a signed acknowledgment that all the provisions, terms and conditions of this solicitation are agreeable to the offeror and may, at the County's option, be made applicable in any contract issued as a result of this solicitation. Offers that do not include such an acknowledgment may be rejected. Executing and returning (with the offer) the acknowledgment shown below will satisfy this requirement.

The undersigned agrees that all the provisions, terms and conditions of this solicitation may, at the County's option, be made applicable in any contract issued as a result of this solicitation.

Business Firm's Legal Name (printed): _____

Printed Name, Title and E-Mail of _____
Person Authorized to Sign Proposal: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

2. NAME AND SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

The correct and full legal business name of the offeror must be used in proposals received and on all contracts issued as a result of this solicitation. A trade name (i.e., a shortened or different name under which the firm does business) must not be used when the legal name is different. Corporations must have names that comply with State law, which requires a suffix indicating the corporate status of the business (e.g. Inc., Incorporated, etc.). Trade names may be indicated by individuals or corporations with the individual or corporate name followed by "t/a" (trading as) or "d/b/a" (doing business as), respectively. The offeror's signature on the proposal, contract, amendment(s) or related correspondence, must conform to the following:

All signatures must be made by an authorized officer, partner, manager, member, or employee. The signing of this offer or a contract is a representation by the person signing that the person signing is authorized to do so on behalf of the offeror or contractor.

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SOLICITATION AMENDMENTS

The Offeror acknowledges receipt of the following amendment(s) to the solicitation:

Amendment Number	Date

SECTION A - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES

The following provisions are applicable to this solicitation:

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Registered Vendor

The first step in doing business with Montgomery County is to become a registered vendor in the on-line Central Vendor Registration System (CVRS). Go to the following website to register: (www.mcipcc.net)

2. Acknowledgement

The offeror must include the signed Acknowledgment page indicating agreement with all the provisions, terms and conditions of this solicitation.

3. Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation (MD-SDAT)

Vendors doing business in the State of Maryland are required to be in ‘Good Standing’ with MD-SDAT; this may not be applicable for individuals, sole proprietorships or partnerships. The County will require, if applicable, a copy of a Certificate of Good Standing from SDAT prior to entering into a contact with your firm. The County will verify this status on the MD-SDAT website. If your firm has a ‘Forfeit’ status from MD-SDAT the County cannot enter into a contract with your firm until this status has been rectified with the MD-SDAT. If this status is not rectified in a timely manner with MD-SDAT, then your firm maybe declared non-responsible and your proposal will be rejected. Information can be found at: (<https://dat.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/default1.aspx>) and (<http://dat.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/Frequently-Asked-Forfeiture-Questions.aspx>).

CONDITIONS:

1. Acceptance Time

By submission of a proposal under this solicitation, the offeror agrees that County has 180 days after the due date in order to accept the proposal. The County reserves the right to reject, as unacceptable, any offer that specifies less than 180 days of acceptance time. Upon mutual agreement between the County and the offeror, the acceptance time for the offeror’s proposal may be extended.

2. Contract Documents

The following documents will be incorporated into the contract resulting from this solicitation:

- A. General Conditions of Contract between County & Contractor
- B. Minority-owned Business Addendum to the General Conditions of Contract between County & Contractor and its companion document entitled, “Minority, Female, Disabled Person Subcontractor Performance Plan”. (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-91.pdf)
- C. Wage Requirements Law (WRL) for Services Addendum to the General Conditions of Contract between the County and Contractor and its companion documents entitled, “Wage Requirements Certification”, and “501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization’s Employee’s Wage and Health Insurance Form”. (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-177.pdf)
- D. All representations and certifications listed in this document.
- E. Mandatory Insurance Requirements.

3. Determination of Responsibility

The Offeror has the burden of demonstrating, affirmatively, its responsibility in connection with this solicitation. A debarred potential offeror must automatically be considered non-responsible in connection with this solicitation. The County reserves the right to consider an offeror non-responsible who has previously failed to perform properly or to complete contracts, in a timely manner, or if investigation shows the offeror is unable to perform the requirements of the contract. An offeror may be requested at any time by the Director, Office of Procurement or the Using Department to provide additional information, references and other documentation and information that relate to the determination of responsibility. Failure of an offeror to furnish requested information may constitute grounds for a finding of non-responsibility of the prospective offeror.

- A. The Director may deny the award, renewal, or assignment of a contract to or for any offeror who is in default of payment of any money due the County.
- B. The factors that may be considered in connection with a determination of responsibility include, but are not limited to:
 - i. The ability, capacity, organization, facilities, and skill of the offeror to perform the contract or provide the goods, services, or construction (“work”) required.
 - ii. The ability of the offeror to perform the contract or provide the work within the time specified without delay, interruption or interference.
 - iii. The integrity, reputation and experience of the offeror and its key personnel.
 - iv. The quality of performance of previous contracts or work for the County or other entities. Past unsatisfactory performance, for any reason, is sufficient to justify a finding of non-responsibility.
 - v. The offeror’s previous and existing compliance with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or work.
 - vi. The sufficiency of financial resources of the offeror to perform the contract or provide the work.
 - vii. The certification of an appropriate accounting system, if required by the contract type.
 - viii. Past debarment or suspension by the County or other governmental entity.

4. Joint Procurement

The following entities within Montgomery County must be able to purchase directly from any contract resulting from this Solicitation:

- A. Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC);
- B. Montgomery College (MC);
- C. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS);
- D. Montgomery County Revenue Authority;
- E. Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC);
- F. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC); and
- G. Municipalities & Special Tax Districts in Montgomery County.

While this solicitation is prepared on behalf of Montgomery County, it is intended to apply for the benefit of the above-named entities as though they were expressly named throughout the document. Each of these entities may purchase from the successful offeror under the same prices and for the same work noted in the contract with Montgomery County, in accordance with each entity's respective laws and regulations. An entity may choose not to procure from the successful offeror at the entity's sole discretion. If one of the above-named entities elects to purchase under the contract, the price shall be determined by using unit costs and other pertinent costs that are provided in the offer or contract. Montgomery County shall not be held liable for

any costs, payments, invoices, or damages incurred by the above jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction listed in this section will be solely responsible for and contract directly with the offeror under the jurisdiction's own procurement laws and regulations. ANY SPECIAL DISCOUNTS UNIQUE TO A PARTICULAR ENTITY (e.g. Montgomery County Public Schools educational discounts) SHOULD BE LISTED IN THE OFFER.

5. Late Proposals

Proposals in response to this solicitation received after the due date and time specified in the solicitation are considered late and will not, under any circumstances, be considered for any award resulting from the Solicitation.

6. Minority, Female, Disabled Person Program Compliance

Under County law, this solicitation is subject to the Montgomery County Code (Part II. Chapter 11B.Article XIV) and the Montgomery County Procurement Regulations (COMCOR 11B.00.01.07) regarding participation in the Minority-Female-Disabled Person (MFD) procurement program.

- A. Information regarding the County's MFD program can be found on the Office of Procurement website at: (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/MFD)
- B. Entitled "Minority-owned Business Addendum to the General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor".
- C. The companion document entitled "Minority, Female, disabled Person Subcontractor Performance Plan" can be found on the Office of Procurement website at: (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-65.pdf).

7. Montgomery County Code and Procurement Regulations

The Montgomery County Code and the Montgomery County Procurement Regulations are applicable to this solicitation and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

8. Payment Terms

The County's payment terms are net thirty (30) days.

9. Qualification of Offerors

Offerors may be required to furnish satisfactory evidence that they are qualified dealers or manufacturers of the items listed or are regularly engaged in performing the services for which they are submitting a proposal, and that they maintain a regularly established place of business. An authorized representative of the County may visit any prospective contractor's plant, place of business or place where the services are performed to determine ability, capacity, reliability, financial stability, and other factor(s) necessary to perform the contract. Upon the County's request, an offeror must submit information about its reputation, past performance, business and financial capability, and other factors to demonstrate that the offeror is capable of satisfying the County's needs and requirements for this solicitation.

10. Services Contract (County Code 11B-33A)

Under County law, a solicitation for a contractor to provide services is subject to the Montgomery County Code regarding compliance with certain wage requirements related to wage amounts that contractor must pay its employees. If an offeror fails to submit and complete the required material information on the Wage Requirements Certification form, its proposal may be deemed unacceptable and rejected under County law.

Information regarding the County's Wage Requirements Law (WRL) can be found on the Office of Procurement website at: (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/WRL). Contractor must comply with the "Wage

Requirements Law (WRL) for Services Contracts Addendum to The General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor”, which can be found included with the Wage Requirements Certification form at the website below.

The companion document entitled “Wage Requirements Certification” form can be found on the Office of Procurement website at:
(www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-177.pdf).

NOTICES:

1. **Proprietary & Confidential Information**

This is to notify prospective offerors that the County has unlimited data rights regarding proposals submitted in response to its solicitations. “Unlimited data rights” means that Montgomery County has the right to use, disclose, reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, or perform publicly and display publicly any information submitted by offerors in response to this or any solicitation issued by the County.

However, information that is deemed to be confidential commercial or financial information, as defined by the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA), Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 through 4-601, will be exempted from disclosure if the offeror can show that release of such information would cause substantial competitive harm to the offeror.

It is the responsibility of the offeror to clearly identify each part of the offer that it believes is confidential commercial or financial information by stamping the bottom right-hand corner of each pertinent page with large boldface letters stating the words "confidential" or “proprietary.” However, the County, by law, must apply the MPIA’s requirements for public information disclosure deemed proprietary and confidential; therefore, even information marked as such by the Offeror may still require public disclosure.

The offeror agrees, with regard to any portion of the proposal that is not stamped as proprietary or confidential, that it expressly permits the County to deem it not to be proprietary or confidential, and to release the information to the public in accordance with the MPIA.

2. **Verbal Explanations**

Verbal explanations or instructions given by a Montgomery County employee to an offeror in regard to this or any other solicitation will not be binding on the County

SECTION B - GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY & CONTRACTOR

1. ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND AUDIT, ACCURATE INFORMATION

The contractor certifies that all information the contractor has provided or will provide to the County is true and correct and can be relied upon by the County in awarding, modifying, making payments, or taking any other action with respect to this contract including resolving claims and disputes. Any false or misleading information is a ground for the County to terminate this contract for cause and to pursue any other appropriate remedy. The contractor certifies that the contractor's accounting system conforms with generally accepted accounting principles, is sufficient to comply with the contract's budgetary and financial obligations, and is sufficient to produce reliable financial information.

The County may examine the contractor's and any first tier subcontractor's records to determine and verify compliance with the contract and to resolve or decide any claim or dispute arising under this contract. The contractor and any first tier subcontractor must grant the County access to these records at all reasonable times during the contract term and for 3 years after final payment. If the contract is supported to any extent with federal or state funds, the appropriate federal or state authorities may also examine these records. The contractor must include the preceding language of this paragraph in all first tier subcontracts.

2. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The contractor agrees to comply with the nondiscrimination requirements of Titles II and III, and other provisions, of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. Law 101-336, and ADA Amendments Act of 2008, Pub. Law 110-325, as amended, currently found at 42 U.S.C., § 12101, et seq., and 47 U.S.C., ch. 5.

3. APPLICABLE LAWS

This contract must be construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of Maryland and Montgomery County. The Montgomery County Procurement Regulations are incorporated by reference into, and made a part of, this contract. In the case of any inconsistency between this contract and the Procurement Regulations, the Procurement Regulations govern. The contractor must, without additional cost to the County, pay any necessary fees and charges, obtain any necessary licenses and permits, and comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations. Through signature of this contract, the contractor certifies that the contractor has filed an initial statement with the Maryland State Board of Elections in compliance with MD Code Ann., Election Law, §14-104(b)(1), or is not required to file an initial statement as per MD Code Ann., Election Law, §14-104(c)(2).

For purposes of litigation involving this contract, except for contract Disputes discussed in paragraph 8 below, exclusive venue and jurisdiction must be in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland or in the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County.

The County's prevailing wage law, as found at §11B-33C of the County Code, applies to certain construction and mechanical systems service contracts. To the extent applicable, the County's prevailing wage requirements are enumerated within this solicitation/contract in the "Prevailing Wage Requirements for Construction Contract Addendum to the General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor." If applicable to this contract, the Addendum will be attached to the contract, and will be incorporated herein by reference, and made a part thereof.

Furthermore, certain non-profit and governmental entities may purchase supplies and services, similar in scope of work and compensation amounts provided for in a County contract, using their own contract and procurement laws and regulations, pursuant to the Md. State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 13-101, et. seq.

Contractor and all of its subcontractors must comply with the provisions of County Code §11B-35A and must not retaliate against a covered employee who discloses an illegal or improper action described in §11B-35A. Furthermore, an aggrieved covered employee under §11B-35A is a third-party beneficiary under this Contract, who may by civil action recover compensatory damages including interest and reasonable attorney's fees, against the contractor or one of its subcontractors for retaliation in violation

of that Section.

The contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Displaced Service Workers Protection Act, which appears in County Code, Chapter 27, Human Rights and Civil Liberties, Article X, Displaced Service Workers Protection Act, §§ 27-64 through 27-66.

Montgomery County's Earned Sick and Safe Leave Law, found at Sections 27-76 through 27-82 of the County Code, became effective October 1, 2016. An employer doing business in the County, as defined under the statute, must comply with this law. This includes an employer vendor awarded a County contract. A vendor may obtain information regarding this law at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights/>

4. ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

The contractor must not assign or transfer this contract, any interest herein or any claim hereunder, except as expressly authorized in writing by the Director, Office of Procurement. Unless performance is separately and expressly waived in writing by the Director, Office of Procurement, an assignment does not release the contractor from responsibility for performance of this contract. Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the contractor may not contract with any other party for furnishing any of the materials or services herein contracted for without the written approval of the Director, Office of Procurement. Any subcontract for any work hereunder must comport with the terms of this Contract and County law, and must include any other terms and conditions that the County deems necessary to protect its interests. The contractor must not employ any subcontractor that is a debarred or suspended person under County Code §11B-37. The contractor is fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of itself, its subcontractors and any persons either directly or indirectly employed by them. Nothing contained in the contract documents shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the County, and nothing in the contract documents is intended to make any subcontractor a beneficiary of the contract between the County and the contractor.

5. CHANGES

The Director, Office of Procurement, may unilaterally change the work, materials and services to be performed. The change must be in writing and within the general scope of the contract. The contract will be modified to reflect any time or money adjustment the contractor is entitled to receive. Contractor must bring to the Contract Administrator, in writing, any claim about an adjustment in time or money resulting from a change, within 30 days from the date the Director, Office of Procurement, issued the change in work, or the claim is waived. Any failure to agree upon a time or money adjustment must be resolved under the "Disputes" clause of this contract. The contractor must proceed with the prosecution of the work as changed, even if there is an unresolved claim. No charge for any extra work, time or material will be allowed, except as provided in this section.

6. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

A. The contract administrator, subject to paragraph B below, is the Department representative designated by the Director, Office of Procurement, in writing and is authorized to:

- (1) serve as liaison between the County and the contractor;
- (2) give direction to the contractor to ensure satisfactory and complete performance;
- (3) monitor and inspect the contractor's performance to ensure acceptable timeliness and quality;
- (4) serve as records custodian for this contract, including wage and prevailing wage requirements;
- (5) accept or reject the contractor's performance;

- (6) furnish timely written notice of the contractor's performance failures to the Director, Office of Procurement, and to the County Attorney, as appropriate;
- (7) prepare required reports;
- (8) approve or reject invoices for payment;
- (9) recommend contract modifications or terminations to the Director, Office of Procurement;
- (10) issue notices to proceed; and
- (11) monitor and verify compliance with any MFD Performance Plan.

B. The contract administrator is NOT authorized to make determinations (as opposed to recommendations) that alter, modify, terminate or cancel the contract, interpret ambiguities in contract language, or waive the County's contractual rights.

7. COST & PRICING DATA

Chapter 11B of the County Code and the Montgomery County Procurement Regulations require that cost & pricing data be obtained from proposed awardees/contractors in certain situations. The contractor guarantees that any cost & pricing data provided to the County will be accurate and complete. The contractor grants the Director, Office of Procurement, access to all books, records, documents, and other supporting data in order to permit adequate evaluation of the contractor's proposed price(s). The contractor also agrees that the price to the County, including profit or fee, may, at the option of the County, be reduced to the extent that the price was based on inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent data supplied by the contractor.

8. DISPUTES

Any dispute arising under this contract that is not disposed of by agreement must be decided under the Montgomery County Code and the Montgomery County Procurement Regulations. Pending final resolution of a dispute, the Contractor must proceed diligently with contract performance. Subject to subsequent revocation or alteration by the Director, Office of Procurement, the head of the County department, office or agency ("Department Head") of the contract administrator is the designee of the Director, Office of Procurement, for the purpose of dispute resolution. The Department Head, or his/her designee, must forward to the Director, Office of Procurement, a copy of any written resolution of a dispute. The Department Head may delegate this responsibility to another person (other than the contract administrator). A contractor must notify the contract administrator of a claim in writing, and must attempt to resolve a claim with the contract administrator prior to filing a dispute with the Director, Office of Procurement or designee. The contractor waives any dispute or claim not made in writing and received by the Director, Office of Procurement, within 30 days of the event giving rise to the dispute or claim, whether or not the contract administrator has responded to a written notice of claim or resolved the claim. The Director, Office of Procurement, must dismiss a dispute that is not timely filed. A dispute must be in writing, for specific relief, and any requested relief must be fully supported by affidavit of all relevant calculations, including cost and pricing information, records, and other information. At the County's option, the contractor agrees to be made a party to any related dispute involving another contractor.

9. DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS, AND DATA

All documents materials or data developed as a result of this contract are the County's property. The County has the right to use and reproduce any documents, materials, and data, including confidential information, used in the performance of, or developed as a result of, this contract. The County may use

this information for its own purposes, including reporting to state and federal agencies. The contractor warrants that it has title to or right of use of all documents, materials or data used or developed in connection with this contract. The contractor must keep confidential all documents, materials, and data prepared or developed by the contractor or supplied by the County.

10. DURATION OF OBLIGATION

The contractor agrees that all of contractor's obligations and warranties, including all requirements imposed by the Minority Owned Business Addendum to these General Conditions, if any, which directly or indirectly are intended by their nature or by implication to survive contractor performance, do survive the completion of performance, termination for default, termination for convenience, or termination by mutual consent of the contract.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

There are no promises, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained in this contract. This contract supersedes all communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the parties hereto, with the exception of express warranties given to induce the County to enter into the contract.

12. ETHICS REQUIREMENTS/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The contractor must comply with the ethics provisions contained in Chapters 11B and 19A, Montgomery County Code, which include the following:

- (a) a prohibition against making or offering to make certain gifts. Section 11B-51(a).
- (b) a prohibition against kickbacks. Section 11B-51(b).
- (c) a prohibition against a person engaged in a procurement from employing or offering to employ a public employee. Section 11B-52 (a).
- (d) a prohibition against a contractor that is providing a recommendation to the County from assisting another party or seeking to obtain an economic benefit beyond payment under the contract. Section 11B-52 (b).
- (e) a restriction on the use of confidential information obtained in performing a contract. Section 11B-52 (c).
- (f) a prohibition against contingent fees. Section 11B-53.

Furthermore, the contractor specifically agrees to comply with Sections 11B-51, 11B-52, 11B-53, 19A-12, and/or 19A-13 of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, the contractor must comply with the political contribution reporting requirements currently codified under the Election Law at Md. Code Ann., Title 14.

13. GUARANTEE

A. Contractor guarantees for one year from acceptance, or for a longer period that is otherwise expressly stated in the County's written solicitation, all goods, services, and construction offered, including those used in the course of providing the goods, services, and/or construction. This includes a guarantee that all products offered (or used in the installation of those products) carry a guarantee against any and all defects for a minimum period of one year from acceptance, or for a longer period stated in the County's written solicitation. The contractor must correct any and all defects in material and/or workmanship that may appear during the guarantee period, or any defects that occur within one (1) year of acceptance even if discovered more than one (1) year after acceptance, by repairing, (or replacing with new items or new materials, if necessary) any such defect at no cost to the County and to the County's satisfaction.

- B. Should a manufacturer's or service provider's warranty or guarantee exceed the requirements stated above, that guarantee or warranty will be the primary one used in the case of defect. Copies of manufacturer's or service provider's warranties must be provided upon request.
- C. All warranties and guarantees must be in effect from the date of acceptance by the County of the goods, services, or construction.
- D. The contractor guarantees that all work shall be accomplished in a workmanlike manner, and the contractor must observe and comply with all Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances and regulations in providing the goods, and performing the services or construction.
- E. Goods and materials provided under this contract must be of first quality, latest model and of current manufacture, and must not be of such age or so deteriorated as to impair their usefulness or safety. Items that are used, rebuilt, or demonstrator models are unacceptable, unless specifically requested by the County in the Specifications.

14. HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Manufacturers and distributors are required by federal "Hazard Communication" provisions (29 CFR 1910.1200), and the Maryland "Access to Information About Hazardous and Toxic Substances" Law, to label each hazardous material or chemical container, and to provide Material Safety Data Sheets to the purchaser. The contractor must comply with these laws and must provide the County with copies of all relevant documents, including Material Safety Data Sheets, prior to performance of work or contemporaneous with delivery of goods.

15. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COMPLIANCE

In addition to the provisions stated above in Section 3. "Applicable Laws," contractor must comply with all requirements in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), to the extent that HIPAA is applicable to this contract. Furthermore, contractor must enter into the County's standard Business Associate Agreement or Qualified Service Organization Agreement when contractor or the County, as part of this contract, may use or disclose to one another, to the individual whose health information is at issue, or to a third-party, any protected health information that is obtained from, provided to, made available to, or created by, or for, the contractor or the County.

16. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT

The contractor warrants that both the contractor and its subcontractors do not, and shall not, hire, recruit or refer for a fee, for employment under this contract or any subcontract, an alien while knowing the alien is an unauthorized alien, or any individual without complying with the requirements of the federal Immigration and Nationality laws, including any verification and record keeping requirements. The contractor further assures the County that, in accordance with those laws, it does not, and will not, discriminate against an individual with respect to hiring, recruitment, or referral for a fee, of an individual for employment or the discharge of an individual from employment, because of the individual's national origin or, in the case of a citizen or prospective citizen, because of the individual's citizenship status.

17. INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in any contract terms or conditions supplied by the contractor, this General Conditions of Contract document supersedes the contractor's terms and conditions, in the event of any inconsistency.

18. INDEMNIFICATION

The contractor is responsible for any loss, personal injury, death and any other damage (including incidental and consequential) that may be done or suffered by reason of the contractor's negligence or failure to perform any contractual obligations. The contractor must indemnify and save the County harmless from any loss, cost, damage and other expenses, including attorney's fees and litigation expenses, suffered or incurred due to the contractor's negligence or failure to perform any of its contractual obligations. If requested by the County, the contractor must defend the County in any action or suit brought against the County arising out of the contractor's negligence, errors, acts or omissions under this contract. The negligence of any agent, subcontractor or employee of the contractor is deemed to be the negligence of the contractor. For the purposes of this paragraph, County includes its boards, agencies, agents, officials and employees.

19. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The contractor is an independent contractor. The contractor and the contractor's employees or agents are not agents of the County.

20. INSPECTIONS

The County has the right to monitor, inspect and evaluate or test all supplies, goods, services, or construction called for by the contract at all reasonable places (including the contractor's place of business) and times (including the period of preparation or manufacture).

21. INSURANCE

Prior to contract execution by the County, the proposed awardee/contractor must obtain at its own cost and expense the minimum insurance specified in the applicable table (See Tables A and B) or attachment to these General Conditions, with one or more insurance company(s) licensed or qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and acceptable to the County's Division of Risk Management. The minimum limits of coverage listed shall not be construed as the maximum as required by contract or as a limitation of any potential liability on the part of the proposed awardee/contractor to the County, nor shall failure by the County to request evidence of this insurance in any way be construed as a waiver of proposed awardee/contractor's obligation to provide the insurance coverage specified. Contractor must keep this insurance in full force and effect during the term of this contract, including all extensions. Unless expressly provided otherwise, Table A is applicable to this contract. The insurance must be evidenced by one or more Certificate(s) of Insurance and, if requested by the County, the proposed awardee/contractor must provide a copy of any and all insurance policies to the County. At a minimum, the proposed awardee/contractor must submit to the Director, Office of Procurement, one or more Certificate(s) of Insurance prior to award of this contract, and prior to any contract modification extending the term of the contract, as evidence of compliance with this provision. The contractor's insurance must be primary. Montgomery County, MD, including its officials, employees, agents, boards, and agencies, must be named as an additional insured on all liability policies. Contractor must provide to the County at least 30 days written notice of a cancellation of, or a material change to, an insurance policy. In no event may the insurance coverage be less than that shown on the applicable table, attachment, or contract provision for required insurance. After consultation with the Department

of Finance, Division of Risk Management, the Director, Office of Procurement, may waive the requirements of this section, in whole or in part.

Please disregard TABLE A. and TABLE B., if they are replaced by the insurance requirements as stated in an attachment to these General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor.

TABLE A. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
(See Paragraph #21 under the General Conditions of Contract
between County and Contractor)

CONTRACT DOLLAR VALUES (IN \$1,000's)

<u>Over</u> <u>Up to 50</u>	<u>Up to 100</u>	<u>Up to 1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
Workers Compensation (for contractors with employees)				
Bodily Injury by Accident (each)	100	100	100.	See Attachment
Disease (policy limits)	500	500	500	
Disease (each employee)	100	100	100	
Commercial General Liability for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence, including contractual liability, premises and operations, and independent contractors	300	500	1,000	See Attachment
Minimum Automobile Liability (including owned, hired and non owned automobiles)				
Bodily Injury				
each person	100	250	500	See Attachment
each occurrence		300	500	
Property Damage				
each occurrence	300	300	300	
Professional Liability* for errors, omissions and negligent acts, per claim and aggregate, with one year discovery period and maximum deductible of \$25,000	250	500	1,000	See Attachment

*Professional services contracts only

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TABLE B. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
 (See Paragraph #21 under the General Conditions of Contract
 between County and Contractor)

<u>Up to 50</u>	<u>Up to 100</u>	<u>Up to 1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
Commercial General Liability minimum Attachment combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence, including contractual liability, premises and operations, independent contractors, and product liability	300	500	1,000	See

Certificate Holder
 Montgomery County Maryland (Contract #)
 Office of Procurement
 27 Courthouse Square, Ste 330
 Rockville, Maryland 20850

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22. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY APPROVAL AND INDEMNIFICATION - INFRINGEMENT

If contractor will be preparing, displaying, publicly performing, reproducing, or otherwise using, in any manner or form, any information, document, or material that is subject to a copyright, trademark, patent, or other property or privacy right, then contractor must: obtain all necessary licenses, authorizations, and approvals related to its use; include the County in any approval, authorization, or license related to its use; and indemnify and hold harmless the County related to contractor's alleged infringing or otherwise improper or unauthorized use. Accordingly, the contractor must protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the County from and against all liabilities, actions, damages, claims, demands, judgments, losses, costs, expenses, suits, or actions, and attorneys' fees and the costs of the defense of the County, in any suit, including appeals, based upon or arising out of any allegation of infringement, violation, unauthorized use, or conversion of any patent, copyright, trademark or trade name, license, proprietary right, or other related property or privacy interest in connection with, or as a result of, this contract or the performance by the contractor of any of its activities or obligations under this contract.

23. INFORMATION SECURITY

A. Protection of Personal Information by Government Agencies:

In any contract under which Contractor is to perform services and the County may disclose to Contractor personal information about an individual, as defined by State law, Contractor must implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices that: (a) are appropriate to the nature of the personal information disclosed to the Contractor; and (b) are reasonably designed to help protect the personal information from unauthorized access, use, modification, disclosure, or destruction.

Contractor's requirement to implement and maintain reasonable security practices and procedures must include requiring any third-party to whom it discloses personal information that was originally disclosed to Contractor by the County to also implement and maintain reasonable security practices and procedures related to protecting the personal information. Contractor must notify the County of a breach of the security of a system if the unauthorized acquisition of an individual's personal information has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur, and also must share with the County all information related to the breach. Contractor must provide the above notification to the County as soon as reasonably practicable after Contractor discovers or is notified of the breach of the security of a system. Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. § 10-1301 through 10-1308 (2013).

B. Payment Card Industry Compliance:

In any contract where the Contractor provides a system or service that involves processing credit card payments (a "Payment Solution"), the Payment Solution must be Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard Compliant ("PCI-DSS Compliant"), as determined and verified by the Department of Finance, and must (1) process credit card payments through the use of a Merchant ID ("MID") obtained by the County's Department of Finance by and in the name of the County as merchant of record, or (2) use a MID obtained by and in the name of the Contractor as merchant of record.

24. NON-CONVICTION OF BRIBERY

The contractor hereby declares and affirms that, to its best knowledge, none of its officers, directors, or partners or employees directly involved in obtaining contracts has been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under any federal, state, or local law.

25. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The contractor agrees to comply with the non-discrimination in employment policies and/ or provisions

prohibiting unlawful employment practices in County contracts as required by Section 11B 33 and Section 27 19 of the Montgomery County Code, as well as all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations regarding employment discrimination.

The contractor assures the County that, in accordance with applicable law, it does not, and agrees that it will not, discriminate in any manner on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation.

The contractor must bind its subcontractors to the provisions of this section.

26. PAYMENT AUTHORITY

No payment by the County may be made, or is due, under this contract, unless funds for the payment have been appropriated and encumbered by the County. Under no circumstances will the County pay the contractor for legal fees, late fees, or shipping fees that are not provided for in the contract. The contractor must not proceed to perform any work (provide goods, services, or construction) prior to receiving written confirmation that the County has appropriated and encumbered funds for that work. If the contractor fails to obtain this verification from the Office of Procurement prior to performing work, the County has no obligation to pay the contractor for the work.

If this contract provides for an additional contract term for contractor performance beyond its initial term, continuation of contractor's performance under this contract beyond the initial term is contingent upon, and subject to, the appropriation of funds and encumbrance of those appropriated funds for payments under this contract. If funds are not appropriated and encumbered to support continued contractor performance in a subsequent fiscal period, contractor's performance must end without further notice from, or cost to, the County. The contractor acknowledges that the County Executive has no obligation to recommend, and the County Council has no obligation to appropriate, funds for this contract in subsequent fiscal years. Furthermore, the County has no obligation to encumber funds to this contract in subsequent fiscal years, even if appropriated funds may be available. Accordingly, for each subsequent contract term, the contractor must not undertake any performance under this contract until the contractor receives a purchase order or contract amendment from the County that authorizes the contractor to perform work for the next contract term.

27. P-CARD OR SUA PAYMENT METHODS

The County is expressly permitted to pay the vendor for any or all goods, services, or construction under the contract through either a procurement card ("p-card") or a Single Use Account("SUA") method of payment, if the contractor accepts the noted payment method from any other person. In that event, the County reserves the right to pay any or all amounts due under the contract by using either a p-card (except when a purchase order is required) or a SUA method of payment, and the contractor must accept the County's p-card or a SUA method of payment, as applicable. Under this paragraph, contractor is prohibited from charging or requiring the County to pay any fee, charge, price, or other obligation for any reason related to or associated with the County's use of either a p-card or a SUA method of payment.

28. PERSONAL PROPERTY

All furniture, office equipment, equipment, vehicles, and other similar types of personal property specified in the contract, and purchased with funds provided under the contract, become the property of the County upon the end of the contract term, or upon termination or expiration of this contract, unless

expressly stated otherwise.

29. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The Director, Office of Procurement, may terminate the contract in whole or in part, and from time to time, whenever the Director, Office of Procurement, determines that the contractor is:

- (a) defaulting in performance or is not complying with any provision of this contract;
- (b) failing to make satisfactory progress in the prosecution of the contract; or
- (c) endangering the performance of this contract.

The Director, Office of Procurement, will provide the contractor with a written notice to cure the default. The termination for default is effective on the date specified in the County's written notice. However, if the County determines that default contributes to the curtailment of an essential service or poses an immediate threat to life, health, or property, the County may terminate the contract immediately upon issuing oral or written notice to the contractor without any prior notice or opportunity to cure. In addition to any other remedies provided by law or the contract, the contractor must compensate the County for additional costs that foreseeably would be incurred by the County, whether the costs are actually incurred or not, to obtain substitute performance. A termination for default is a termination for convenience if the termination for default is later found to be without justification.

30. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

This contract may be terminated by the County, in whole or in part, upon written notice to the contractor, when the County determines this to be in its best interest. The termination for convenience is effective on the date specified in the County's written notice. Termination for convenience may entitle the contractor to payment for reasonable costs allocable to the contract for work or costs incurred by the contractor up to the date of termination. The contractor must not be paid compensation as a result of a termination for convenience that exceeds the amount encumbered to pay for work to be performed under the contract.

31. TIME

Time is of the essence.

32. WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT

Contractor must not commence work under this contract until all conditions for commencement are met, including execution of the contract by both parties, compliance with insurance requirements, encumbrance of funds, and issuance of any required notice to proceed.

33. WORKPLACE SAFETY

The contractor must ensure adequate health and safety training and/or certification, and must comply with applicable federal, state and local Occupational Safety and Health laws and regulations.

THIS FORM MUST NOT BE MODIFIED WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

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SECTION C – SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. USE OF IMAGES

The County reserves the right to use images of parade float(s) created by the Contractor for

promotional purposes.

2. CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

The Contract will have been performed successfully if the parade float is delivered on time, in compliance with the requirements in the Scope of Work, participates in the parade according to directions of the organizers, completes the parade route, and effectively disposes the float at the end of the event.

3. OWNERSHIP

Compensation of up to \$6,000 per float is to reimburse the Contractor for expenses in design, construction, and operation of the float. Ownership does not pass from any entity involved in supplying materials or construction, including the Contractor.

4. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/CONTRACTOR CONDUCT

- A. The Contractor must meet periodically with the Contract Administrator, or designee, to agree to a workplan including time frame for completion, other requirements, and deliverables. The Contractor must also meet with the Contractor Administrator, or designee, as required to discuss status of work, schedules and other management issues. Progress meeting schedules may vary, depending on stage and status of assignment. The Contractor is responsible for managing the schedule, meeting milestones and deadlines outlined in the schedule, and working out advance arrangements with the County to mitigate any delays when unforeseen.
- B. For the purposes of any contract issued as a result of this Informal, the Contractor's personnel and the personnel retained by any approved subcontractor engaged by the Contractor are the employees, consultants, workers and contractors of the Contractor or subcontractor, as applicable. The Contractor's personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor are not employees of Montgomery County. The Contractor's personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor must not represent themselves as an employee of the County in their interaction with the public, other contractors, or County employees. In situations where the Contractor's personnel or the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor may be mistaken for a County employee, the Contractor's personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor must disclose that they are working under a County contract and that they are not a County employee. Persons assigned to work for the County under this Contract must not set policies for the County or independently interpret County policies.
- C. The Contractor must provide administrative oversight for, and coordinate the recruitment, hiring/subcontracting, termination and placement of, qualified individuals who will provide the services as 1 stipulated in this Contract. The Contractor must also provide overall supervision, control over, and direction of all personnel who work under this Contract in the provision of the services described in this Contract.
- D. The Contractor and any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor must abide by all federal, state and local labor laws and regulations and all applicable federal, state, and local tax laws and regulations in the hiring and management of all personnel employed or retained to provide services to the County under this Contract. For purposes of this

Contract, “personnel” means the employees, consultants, contractors, or other worker retained by the Contractor or any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to provide the services under this Contract.

- E. The Contractor or any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor, as applicable, must be responsible for all taxes, as well as other obligations or benefits related to its workers, including F.I.C.A., federal, and state withholdings, unemployment, and workers’ compensation for persons who work for the Contractor or the subcontractor engaged by the Contractor under this Contract in the provision of the services described in this Contract.
- F. The Contractor’s personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to provide services under this Contract are not entitled to the use of, and must not use, County vehicles.
- G. The Contractor’s personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor are not entitled to benefits available to County employees, including but not limited to credit union membership, administrative leave, access to deferred compensation benefits, affirmative action initiatives, personnel services, employee training, and other County employee benefits.
- H. The Contractor or any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor, as applicable, is solely responsible for all costs or expenses related to personnel costs of its personnel, including those related to wages, benefits, training, mileage, travel, parking, fringe benefits and paid leave.
- I. The Contractor must: ensure that any third-party references, graphics, or resource materials used are royalty-free; have licenses for use of such materials when applicable; and properly credit such materials to their source when so required by the source.
- J. The Contractor must not use, publish, or release any information relative to the Contract without the prior written approval of the Contract Administrator, including, but not limited to, mailing lists, brochures, pamphlets, catalogs, data, drawings, photos, reports, video or media clips, descriptions and correspondence. Any such information generated by the Contractor specifically for use in performing the work under the Contract must not be issued, published, or released by the Contractor without prior written consent of the Contract Administrator.

SECTION D – SCOPE OF WORK

1. BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Maryland Thanksgiving Parade is an annual, daytime event held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day in Silver Spring, Maryland. The 25th Annual Thanksgiving Parade is scheduled to occur, rain or shine, at 10:00 AM on November 18, 2023. Marching bands, service groups, mounted police, floats, dancers, clowns, and exhibitors travel the less-than 2-mile route on Georgia Avenue in approximately two hours. The parade has a 25+ year history and is generally heavily attended. The event is emceed by local news celebrities. At the 2019 event, there were over 110 parade units including 14 marching bands. As of now, it is the only Thanksgiving parade in the region. For more information about the parade, to subscribe for bulletins, and to learn more about Silver Spring Arts and Entertainment click:

<https://www.silverspringdowntown.com/montgomery-county-thanksgiving-parade>.

2. TRADITIONAL PARADE FLOAT THEMES

This is an accessible, family-friendly, festive event for all ages. It is colorful, busy, exciting, musical, loud, and entertaining. Parade units, particularly floats, tend to favor holiday (Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas) and seasonal (autumn, Nutcracker Ballet, winter, sports) traditional subjects. Although sponsorships by government agencies and public safety units (i.e., mounted police) may be evident, the expectation is that holiday parades are mute on public policy and anything that would spur debate on government or politics.

3. FLOATS FROM PAST THANKSGIVING PARADES

For images of past designs, styles and materials used, see **ATTACHMENT C**.

4. THE WORK

The County, by way of this Solicitation, seeks to contract with up to four qualified vendors for the design and construction of four fully assembled and decorated non-motive, towable parade floats for participation in the 2023 Thanksgiving Parade. Prospective vendors must submit a design and a summary list of the types of construction materials to be used for a scene to be constructed on a vendor-supplied trailer. Vendor's design must include two decorative signs measuring approximately 2' x 4' which will announce the name of the float (and sponsor's branding, if applicable). The Vendor will supply a driver and a tow vehicle that is rated by the manufacturer to have the proper capacity for the GVWR of the trailer. A design and list of materials must be supplied for each of one or more floats, up to four. The County may award none, one, some, or all of a prospective vendor's designs, up to four. The County may award multiple vendors, not to exceed four vendors at one float each.

Of the proposed float designs, the County intends to award:

- A. One proposal for a float with a Santa Clause theme and accommodation for a person ("Santa") to sit in a prominent position, and room for 5-11 additional people ("Elves") to sit or stand. This float should signify "Santa's Arrival" and is the Grand Finale float. Santa and the Elves will be supplied by the County.
- B. One proposal for a float with a Thanksgiving theme. It must accommodate 5-12 people standing or sitting on the float. This float is usually the first float of the parade. The people on the float will be supplied by the County.
- C. One proposal for a float with a festive theme that celebrates a holiday or seasonal occurrence appropriate for the time of year.
- D. One proposal for a creative, visually appealing float that will be accompanied by volunteers whose attire will match the float design (attire to be provided by County parade organizers).

5. FLOAT DELIVERY AND DISPOSAL

The Contractor is required to bring the float to the staging area in Silver Spring the day before the parade. All construction, assembly, and repair of any damage that occurred during transport must be completed before the morning of the parade. The Contractor is solely responsible for removing the float(s) at the end of the event.

6. SOUND

The float may project sound. If the float doesn't have the equipment to project sound, the County may be able to add a sound system to the float on the morning of the parade.

7. TRAILER

Requirements:

- A. Deck-over, straight-deck trailer (no goosenecks; no dovetails).
- B. Deck Length 22' or 24'
- C. Deck Width at least 8' and not more than 9'.
- D. Deck Height 33" ± 2".
- E. GVWR 9,600 – 9,999 lb.
- F. The trailer, all materials, and people on the float must not exceed the GVWR.
- G. Trailer Weight at least 3,300 lb. and not greater than 3,800 lb. without payload.
- H. Tongue Length not less than 60" and not greater than 70" (bumper pull).
- I. Coupler BP 2 5/16" adjustable.
- J. Lighting must comply with:
Code of Maryland Regulations Chapter 11.14.05 Safety Standards for Trailers
<http://mdrules.elaws.us/comar/11.14.05.09>
- K. Safety Chains (used in the event of hitch failure).

8. CLEARANCE HEIGHT RESTRICTION

Parade floats must be able to pass under 15' high traffic-light arms along the route.

9. FINISHED-FLOAT LENGTH & WIDTH

The structure of the float itself may extend beyond the dimensions of the trailer. The width of the parade-ready float must not exceed 10'. The length of the parade-ready float must not exceed 30'.

10. MATERIALS, COVERAGE AND SIGNAGE

- A. Every inch of the float must be decorated except for the trailer tow tongue, safety chains, and tires.
- B. Inflatable characters and structures are not allowed.
- C. The following standard decorating materials are allowed (this is not an exhaustive list):
NOTE: Although you are encouraged to re-use and recycle, previously-used materials cannot be so worn/torn/dull that they look old and re-used.
 - a) floral sheeting
 - b) fringe
 - c) fabric bunting
 - d) rolls – metallic or vinyl
 - e) glitter
 - f) foam core shapes
 - g) festooning/garland
 - h) Deco-puffs/POMPS
 - i) colored tape (i.e. Duck Brand)
- D. There must be two decorative signs measuring approximately 2' x 4' announcing the name of the float (and sponsor's branding, if applicable).
- E. Oversized figures on the floats should be fiberglass, or constructed, not inflatable items

SECTION E – TERM

The effective date begins upon signature by the Director, Office of Procurement. The period in which the Contractor must perform all work under the Contract begins on the Contract's effective date and ends on December 31, 2023, or once performance is complete and payment is made, whichever is sooner. Contractor must also perform all work in accordance with the Scope of Work.

SECTION F – METHOD OF AWARD/EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Procedures

- A. Upon receipt of proposals, the Using Department will review and evaluate all proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria listed below. The Using Department will also review an offeror for responsibility.
- B. The County will enter into contract with the highest ranked offeror(s) based on the Using Department's written score and its responsibility determination.
- C. The Director, Office of Procurement, may approve, approve with conditions, or reject the Using Department Head's recommendation.
- D. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation. The solicitation cancellation will be publicly posted.

2. Evaluation Criteria

Written Proposal Evaluation Criteria

The Using Department will evaluate the written proposals based on the following criteria.

- A. Creativity and complexity of the design and figures of the float 25 points
- B. Degree of experience of the proposer in similar based events 25 points
- C. Degree to which the design fits the celebratory nature of the event, shows artistic competence, creativity, and a festive communication of a message/theme 25 points
- D. Degree to which construction/decoration materials fit the celebratory nature of the event and enhance the message/theme of the float 25 points
- Highest possible score for written proposal evaluation 100 points

SECTION G – SUBMISSIONS

1. Proposal Submissions

FAILURE OF AN OFFEROR TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS MAY RENDER YOUR PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT.

Offerors must submit their proposal in the format below. Written proposals will be evaluated only on what is submitted. The Offeror must submit sufficient information to enable the Using Department to evaluate the Offeror's capabilities and experience. Proposals must include the following information:

- A. A cover letter with a brief description of the firm, including the offeror's name, address, telephone number and email address (see evaluation criteria).
- B. The Acknowledgment of this solicitation must be submitted and signed by a person authorized to bind the offeror to the proposal.

- C. Offeror must include with their proposal a representative sampling of images of work performed of a similar nature to the Scope of Work detailed in this Solicitation, and/or work of a greater complexity than what is required in this Solicitation(see evaluation criteria).
- D. Design and a summary list of the types of construction materials to be used for a scene to be constructed on a vendor-supplied trailer. Vendor’s design must show location of two decorative signs measuring approximately 2’ x 4’ which will announce the name of the float.
- E. At least three references that may be contacted to attest to the quality and timeliness of the offeror’s work of similar nature and scope to the scope required by the County. (see Attachment A)
- F. This solicitation is subject to the Wage Requirements Law, the offeror must submit the appropriate Wage Requirements Law forms found at:
(www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-177.pdf). Failure to submit and complete the required material information on the form(s) may cause the offeror’s proposal to be unacceptable under County law, and the proposal may be rejected.
- G. Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team Rider Clause –
(www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-147B.pdf).
- H. Minority, Female, Disabled Persons Subcontractor Performance Plan
(www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-65.pdf). To ensure a contract can move forward as a result of this solicitation, this plan must be submitted with the offeror’s proposal.
- I. Minority Business Program and Offeror’s Representation –
(www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-90.pdf)
(see Sample of MFD Report of Payments Received
(www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-97.pdf))

SECTION H – COMPENSATION

Within ten (10) business days after the day of the parade, the Contractor must submit an itemized invoice to the County. Itemization must include invoices for materials purchased by the Contractor for the construction and decoration of the float, trailer rental fee if applicable, and proof of any other expenses directly applicable to the project. Labor that Contractor is expensing to the project must also be itemized, either by hour or as one fee for the project as a whole. Should the Contractor choose overnight accommodation(s) for Friday, November 19, 2023 for which they have paid a fee in lieu of staying at the County supplied sponsor hotel, reimbursement is ineligible. In addition, any request for reimbursement for accommodation(s) is ineligible. The County will pay up to \$6,000 per invoice, per float, as a reimbursement of actual, documented costs and expenses for each parade float for which the Contract has been successfully performed. The cost per float of up to \$6,000 should include all costs incurred by the Contractor. The County will not reimburse any additional costs incurred by the Contractor outside of the maximum limit set per float, and the invoice will be considered paid-in-full even if costs billed exceed \$6,000.

Invoice package may be sent electronically to: CEC.Finance@montgomerycountymd.gov

SECTION I – CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

A. Authority

The Director, Office of Procurement, is the delegated contracting officer. Therefore, the Director, Office of Procurement, must approve amendments, modifications, or changes to the terms, conditions, or minority, female, and disabled subcontractor plans in writing.

B. Using Department

The contract administrator's duties are defined in the General Conditions of Contract between County & Contractor, Section B, item #6.

C. Contract Administrator

The Contract Administrator for any contract resulting from this solicitation is Amelia Marian, CEC Contract Administrator, reachable at CEC.Procurement@montgomerycountymd.gov.

SECTION J – ETHICS

As a result of being awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, the successful contractor may be ineligible for the award of related contracts. In this regard, Montgomery County Code Sections 11B-52 (b) and (c) state the following:

A contractor providing an analysis or recommendation to the County concerning a particular matter must not, without first obtaining the written consent of the Chief Administrative Officer:

- A. Assist another party in the matter or another person if the person has a direct and substantial interest in the matter; or
- B. Seek or obtain an economic benefit from the matter in addition to payment to the contractor by the County

Web-links for Documents and Forms:

1. Central Vendor Registration System (www.mcipcc.net)
2. Minority, Female, Disabled Person Subcontractor Performance Plan and Sample MFD Report of Payments Received (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/DBRC/mfd.html> – scroll to bottom of page and click on MFD Subcontractor Performance Plan) (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-97.pdf)
3. Wage Requirements for Services Contracts Addendum and Wage Requirements Certification Form and 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization's Employee's Wage and Health Insurance Form (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-177.pdf)

ATTACHMENT A

References
(Submit at least three)

You are requested to provide references to the County with your proposal. The three (3) references must be from individuals or firms for whom work of a similar scope has been performed within the last three years. Names for references shall be of individuals who directly supervised or had direct knowledge of the services or goods provided.

NAME OF FIRM: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____ CELL PH _____

NAME OF FIRM: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____ CELL PH _____

NAME OF FIRM: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____ CELL PH _____

ATTACHMENT B
MANDATORY MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY THANKSGIVING PARADE FLOATS

Prior to the execution of the contract by the County, the proposed awardee/contractor and their contractors, if applicable, must obtain, at their own cost and expense, the following *minimum* (not maximum) insurance coverage with an insurance company/companies licensed to conduct business in the State of Maryland and acceptable to the Division of Risk Management. This insurance must be kept in full force and effect during the term of this contract, including all extensions. The insurance must be evidenced by a certificate of insurance, and if requested by the County, the proposed awardee/contractor shall provide a copy of the insurance policies and additional insured endorsements. The minimum limits of coverage listed below shall not be construed as the maximum as required by contract or as a limitation of any potential liability on the part of the proposed awardee/contractor to the County nor shall failure to request evidence of this insurance in any way be construed as a waiver of proposed awardee / contractor's obligation to provide the insurance coverage specified. The Contractor's insurance shall be primary. Coverage pursuant to this Section shall not include any provision that would bar, restrict, or preclude coverage for claims by Montgomery County against Contractor, including but not limited to "cross-liability" or "insured vs insured" exclusion provisions.

Commercial General Liability

A minimum limit of liability of **one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per occurrence**, for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage coverage per occurrence including the following coverages:

- Contractual Liability
- Premises and Operations
- Independent Contractors & Subcontractors
- Products and Completed Operations

Business Automobile Liability Coverage

A minimum limit of liability of **one million dollars (\$1,000,000)**, combined single limit, for bodily injury and property damage coverage per occurrence including the following:

- Owned automobiles
- Hired automobiles
- Non-owned automobiles
- Loading and unloading

Worker's Compensation/Employer's Liability

Meeting all statutory requirements of the State of Maryland Law and with the following minimum Employers' Liability limits:

- Bodily Injury by Accident - \$100,000 each accident***
- Bodily Injury by Disease - \$500,000 policy limits***
- Bodily Injury by Disease - \$100,000 each employee***

Additional Insured

Montgomery County, Maryland, its elected and appointed officials, officers, consultants, agents and employees, must be included as an additional insured on an endorsement to Contractor's commercial general, automobile insurance, and contractor's excess/umbrella insurance policies, if used to satisfy the Contractor's minimum insurance requirements under this contract, for liability arising out of contractor's products, goods and services provided under this contract. The stipulated limits of coverage above shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability of the contractor.

Policy Cancellation

Should any of the above policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, written notice must be delivered to the County in accordance with the policy provisions.

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ATTACHMENT C

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